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SUBJECT: DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROJECTS

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1. S/NM HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED OCTOBER 27 (HAND CARRIED
BY DR. COOPER) FROM COL. APARICIO IN WHICH SPECIALIZED
TRAINING IN PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, BVALUATION AND OTHER TOPICS
IS REQUESTED FOR DRS. NILS NOYA TAPIA, CECILIO OLIVA
SFARCICH AND MARIO TERAN DE LA VEGA. TRAINING REQUEST WAS
DISCUSSED WITH DR. JAMES COOPER OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON
DRUG ABUSE (NIDA) DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO LA PAZ.
SEVERAL POINTS NEED CLARIFICATION BEFORE S/NM CAN MAKE A
FUNDING DECISION REGARDING THIS REQUEST.

A. HOW LONG COULD DRS. NOYA, OLIVA AND TERAN BE AVAILABLE
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FOR TRAINING IN THE U.S.?

B. WOULD GOB BE ABLE TO FUND ANY PORTION OF THE PROPOSED
TRAINING ACIVITY, SUCH AS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS?

C. WHEN DOES GOB WISH TRAINING TO BEGIN?

D. DR. COOPER'S UNDERSTANDING IS THAT PRESENT REQUEST BY COL. APARICIO SUPERCEDES EARLIER GOB PROPOSAL FOR SIX-WEEK TRAINING COURSE FOR THREE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (DISCUSSED REFTELS). PLEASE CONFIRM.

2 S/NM ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT GOB IS CONSIDERING REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN RELATION TO RESEARCH DESIGN OF CONTROLLED, EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES OF COCAINE USE AMONG COMPULSIVE DRUG USERS. NIDA HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE SUCH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BUT HAS INFORMED GOB OFFICIALS THAT PROJECT WOULD BE PREDICATED UPON PRIOR APPROVAL (AND PRESUMABLY SUPPORT) BY DEPARTMENT. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF AIDING GOB TO CONDUCT EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH ON COCAINE USE IN HUMAN SUBJECTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION VIEWS WITH REGARD TO SUCH A RESEARCH PROJECT SO THAT DEPARTMENT CONCERNS CAN BE ALLEVIATED OR PROJECT ABORTED BEFORE GOB HOPES FOR USG SUPPORT RISE ANY HIGHER. VANCE

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